Titusville Amateur Radio Club
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Newsletter of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club

AUGUST 2003

JULY MINUTES

By Becky Lee KF4HTB

After the usual opening ceremonies of Pledge of Allegiance, moment of silence, introduction of members and guests. Bill Eppley, W2SDB played Happy Birthday and several other selections on his harmonica.

President Bud K4CWG announced the V.P Ozzie Osband N4SCY was out of town due to the illness of his mother.

Don Alford K1DRA told the club about an Amateur Radio Operator Training Course taking place at Library of IRCC's Colony Hall on August 25 and ends October 6 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM each Monday for 6 weeks. Instructor is Stephanie Phillips K3MVO. If you have questions contact Don at 321-255-6408.

Bob W4TAT updated the club on the antenna ordnance ordeal and stressed the need for more members to turn out for the vote on August 7.

Bud K4CWG said that Field Day was a success despite the rain. He also talked about the expenses incurred during Field Day and members approved payment of expenses up to $3.00.

There was a discussion about a meeting place should the Jaycees give up the building but decision was tabled until more definite information is available from the Jaycees.

Tickets for the Melbourne Hamfest on September 13 are available. Contact Sherry KU4ZO if you wish to purchase one. There will be a club table available if you have items for sale. Contact Bud K4CWG for more information.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Becky Lee KF4HTB

Beginning Bal.	$1,807.27
Deposits	3157.97
Total Income	$4,965.24
Expenditures	1,850.99
Balance (7/31/03)	$3,114.25

ABELL'S ANECDOTES

By Pike Abell W4EPU

This is a subject which may be of interest to those of you who are looking forward to retirement.

When you retire, everything goes back to square one. You lose your seniority, you lose your authority and those of you who have prestigious positions, you even lose your prestige to some extent.

A classic example is a group with whom I play golf at Royal Oak Country Club. The scheduled starting time is 7:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. "Why so early? One may ask, "After all, you are retired."

"I still wake up at 5:30 every morning anyway." Would probably be the answer.

All one has to do to be a member of the group is to just show up prior to tee time on any of those days, put your name in the hat and draw a number to determine who are your playing partners and tee times.

Over the years just about every profession at every level of government and private industry have been, or are represented in this group. We have, or have had, senior commercial managers; electrical supervisors; structural engineer; plant engineer; FBI and CIA agents; educators, including high school principals, an athletic coach, correctional institution teacher; members of the clergy; retail business owner and district sales manager.

Of course, there are retired military folks ranging from Army Sergeant to Major General. . What we have in common is that we all enjoy the game of golf and we are all equal; each member maintains individual autonomy.

We had a loose-knit organization with a President and a Treasurer. The annual dues were $5.00 to partially cover the cost of tournament prizes and purchasing get well cards for members who are getting heart by-pass surgery or who are otherwise on the sick list. That all changed recently when the time came for the semi-annual tournament and the election of new officers. Nobody volunteered to run for president. It was decided that the winner of the next tournament would be the next president. The tournament had to be cancelled when nobody signed up.

That is indicative of the point being made here, that on the golf course, we are all on the same social level. No one wants to be senior or junior to another.

Some years ago, a newly retired Army colonel showed up on the scene one morning and asked if he could join the group. Of course, he was most welcome. As he introduced himself around he gave his name but then said, "Just call me Colonel."

As he introduced himself to one member of the group and said "Just call me colonel," that member, being a retired Major General, said, "My name is George. You may call me General—Sir."

From then on, the colonel was addressed simply by his first name.

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TITUSVILLE HAMFEST

The North Brevard Amateur Radio Club is proud to announce its very first HAMFEST! The event will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2003, at the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 109 located at 435 Singleton Avenue in Titusville, Florida. Set – Up will be from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. Eastern. The doors will open to the public at 7:00 a.m. Eastern time. The event will last until 1:00 p.m. Eastern time. All items must be removed from the building and parking area by 2:00 p.m. Eastern time. A Tail Gate area will be set – up in the parking lot. Food and beverages will be provided by the North Brevard Amateur Radio Club. Tables are available for $5.00 each. The Tail – Gate spots are FREE! Talk – in will be provided on the 145.490 repeater (144.890 input). For more information, or to get a table or spot, contact Bob Jones, N6USP, at 321 – 264 – 2622 or n6usp@gnc.net.

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UPCOMING HAMFESTS:

Melbourne —September 13 & 14

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 180
(126 regular; 43 family;
8 honorary; 3 other)

NEW MEMBERS:

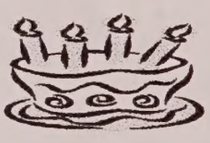
KF4BKY JOSEPH HUSSON
KD6EA DON HINDS
KB3GJH DAVID NORTON

RENEWALS:

KF4IGK GRANT HAHN
KF4ZOK SUZAN HAHN
KE4NYM MATT KELLER
KF4SEK NICK GRAY
KE4BBH JIM PREVATT
KE4HOG NANCIE PREVATT
KE4AGM RICHARD LASURE
KE4AGO BILL REALY
W2SDB BILL EPPLEY
W1ILA WALT HART

Hey fellow Hams! Just a reminder; If you cannot check into the **Trader's Net** on Monday Mornings, I am now running a second **Trader's/Swap Net** every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. on the 145.490 repeater in Titusville. You do not have to be a member of either the TARC or NBARC to check into either net.
- TARC Trader's Net Monday at 10:00 a.m. EDT on 146.910 repeater
- NBARC Swap/Trader's Net Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. EDT on the 145.490 Repeater
This makes it easier for all licensed amateurs wishing to list items that they are either selling or wanting.
See you on the air! 73s!
Nick Gray KF4SEK

The **North Brevard Amateur Radio Club Swap/Trader's Net** is held every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. EDT on the 145.490 repeater in Titusville. I invite all licensed amateurs to check into the net. Club membership and/or traffic are not necessary. I haven't really been seeing any Titusville Amateur Radio Club members checking into the net. This net is good for those amateurs who work during the day and cannot check into the TARC trader's Net on Monday mornings. I hope to get more check ins in the future. 73s!
Nick Gray KF4SEK



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug. 4 KF4FQW Duane Pocock
Aug. 6 KG4YNT Richard Riehl
Aug. 7 N1OGE Bertha Bornardi
Aug. 7 KF4SEK Nick Gray
Aug. 15 KF4VRQ Marvin Thorpe
Aug. 16 W4EPU Pike Abell
Aug. 16 N2JY Judy Smith
Aug. 17 N9EZV Ken Tendick
Aug. 18 KE4BBH Jim Prevatt
Aug. 20 W4LOV Mike Hensley
Aug. 20 KG4DSG Mike Wolford
Aug. 24 W2SDB Bill Eppley
Aug. 28 KV4BY Clarence Bauer
Aug. 31 KF4DTC Abbie Marsden